(b) whether in a case in which a laps by the bank was continuing for about three years and even when an MP drew their attention towards it, not only the lapse further continued for about eight months, the officials responded only when the MP lastly wrote to the Finance Minister; and '

(c) the steps being taken to make a senior officials available from Parliament Street main branch to receive suggestions from MPs and learn their difficulties to avoid such situation in future?

- THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information received from the State Bank of India (SB!) Local Head Office, New Delhi, Parliament House Sub-Office of SBI is functioning in the Parliament House solely to meet tlie banking needs of the Hon'ble Mem-' bers of Parliament (MPs) and Ex-MPs. Some MPs had experienced difficulties regai'ding non-implementation of standing instructions. Subsequent to receipt of a complaint regarding loss of interest on account of delayed transfers of the amounts in question, SBI have recalculated the interest payable on the assumption of transfers having taken place as per standing instructions and the differential in interest has been credited to the account of the party. SBI have furher reported that apprbpriate steps have been; initiated to ensure that standing instiiua tions are compiled with and that no delay in compliance takes place. Letters addressed to the higher officials of the New Delhi Main branch and local Sub- Office of SBI received from Hon'ble Members are normally attended to promptly. iHoweverj in one case as mentioned above, there was delay both in implemea. ting standing instructions as also in responding to the letters of the Hon'ble MP and the complaint was redressed only when the MP brought this to the notice of the Finance Minister. SBI have looked into the delays that occurred in replying to the communications of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament and initiated suitable corrective action. Action has also been initiated to avoid such delay future. *m*

(c) A system has been introduced for making available a senior officer from the Parliament Street Main branch at the Parliament HoueSe Sub-Office of the bank once in a week to receive sugges tions from Members of Parliament and tb effect procedural improvements wherever necessary. '

Sitting up of a Radio Station at Melghat

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SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a small Radio Station wil! be set up for broadcasting in the Korbu dialects; in view of the fect that the Korbu tribais who live in the Melghat area in Amravati district of Maharashtra arc illiterate but require extensive health education;

(b) whether this will go a long way to prevent further deaths of tribal children, 4500 of Vr'hom have died during the lasf three years; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps will be taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JATPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) All India Radio Nagpur provides Radio coverage to the entire Amravati district of Maharashtra, A separate Radio Station at Amravati has been envisaged to be set up under IX Plan subject to availabil- lity of adequate resources and other infra- stnibtwal facilities. Health awareness programmes are regularly broadcast from All India Radio, Nagpur. A folk and tribal music unit has also been Sanctioned recently for Nagpur station to take care of the requirements of people speaking in Korku district.